

## HVSA Aligned Measure: Breastfeeding



Breastfeeding can benefit babies and caregivers in many ways. The close physical contact helps create a bond between baby and caregiver, and breastmilk provides baby with good nutrition and substances that may prevent diseases and infections. Research shows that the longer a baby is breastfed, when possible, the greater the benefits will be (Source: AAP).

<b>Measure:</b> Percent of infants (among caregivers who were pregnant while enrolled) who were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age	
<b>What to collect:</b>	Data on status of breastfeeding for the infant.
<b>For whom:</b>	Infants who reached 6 to 12 months of age within the reporting period whose caregivers enrolled prenatally or were pregnant during their enrollment and have been enrolled for at least 6 months.
<b>When to ask:</b>	Collect once when the infant is between 6-12 months old.

### Measure Production Details

**Calculate:** Percent of infants aged 6-12 months who were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age

<b>Numerator</b>	Number of infants aged 6-12 months (among caregivers who were pregnant while enrolled) who were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of infants aged 6-12 months (among caregivers who were pregnant while enrolled) enrolled in home visiting for at least 6 months
<b>Missing</b>	Number of enrolled infants (among caregivers who were pregnant while enrolled) missing date of birth or missing information on breastfeeding survey.

**Required Data Elements:**

- Family Enrollment Date
- Family Exit Date (if applicable)
- Child Due Date
- Child DOB
- Breastfeeding Survey Date
- Did the child receive *any amount* of breastmilk at 6 months of age?
- Was the child unable to receive breastmilk due to a medical reason?